HOW A BILL BECOMES LAW

Legislators
Delegates and
Senators may draft
and submit bills



BILL

First Reading
Introducting legislation on the floor

Referral to Committee

Meetings, hearings,
mark up, vote & report

Second Reading
Relevant amendments
proposed

Third Reading
Bill printed with
final amendments



FIRST CHAMBER

First Reading
Introducting crossover
legislation on the floor

Referral to Committee Meetings, hearings, mark up, vote & report

Second Reading
Relevant amendments
proposed

Third Reading (Final Passage) Debate ends; call for vote



SECOND CHAMBER

Consideration in Chamber that originated Bill Vote on motion to

Vote on motion to concur or reject amendments

Conference Committee (if necessary)

Reach settlement on proposed legislation

GovernorBill presented to Governor

LAW

If Governor does not veto, bill becomes law



